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SUBJECT: U.S. MILITARY REDUCTION IN THAILAND

REF: BANGKOK 3729

1. IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUERIES CONCERNING ARTICLE
REPORTED REFTEL, WE HAVE REPLIED ON BACKGROUND WITH
ATTRIBUTION TO U.S. OFFICIAL: "WHATEVER U.S. MILITARY
REMAINS IN THAILAND WILL REMAIN ON A BASIS ACCEPTABLE
TO THE THAI AND BECAUSE THE THAI FIND IT IN THEIR
INTEREST FOR THEM TO REMAIN. THERE ARE NO GREAT
DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON THE THAI PROPOSALS (OF FEB.
4). WE WILL WANT TO SIT DOWN WITH THE THAI AND TALK
ABOUT THE PROPOSALS, AND WE WILL PROBABLY WANT TO
SUGGEST SOME CHANGES OF WORDING, SOME REFINEMENTS TO
REFLECT WIDELY ACCEPTED PRACTICE ELSEWHERE, WHERE U.S.
MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE STATIONED. NATURALLY, THE THAI
WANT TO BE MASTERS IN THEIR OWN HOUSE, AND WE CERTAINLY
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HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT."

2. WE URGE U.S. SPOKESMEN ELSEWHERE TO FOLLOW THE SAME
LINE, IF ASKED. WE WANT TO DISCOURAGE THE LINE, BEING
PUSHED BY ELEMENTS AT MFA, THAT SOME KIND OF CONFRONTATION
IS SHAPING UP REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE RESIDUAL PRESENCE
HERE.
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